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SUBJ/ECT: US/EC DECLARATION AND EC DIALOGUE WITH
JAPAN, CANADA AND YUGOSLAVIA--EC POLITICAL COMMITTEE
MEETING - FEB 6-7, GONN

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SUMMARY: FONOFF POL DIR VAN WELL REQUESTED THE
AMBASSADOR TO CALL FEB 8 FOR A BRIEFING ON THIS
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WEEK'S EC POLITICAL COMMITTEE (PC) MEETING IN BONN.
THIS MESSAGE REPORTS ON THE US/EC DECLARATION AND
ON THE FURTHER EC DIALOGUE WITH JAPAN AND PERHAPS
ALSO CANADA AND YUGOSLAVIA. VAN WELL EXTENDED
INVITATION TO HARTMAN AND SONNENFELDT TO MEET WITH

THE EC/9 POLITICAL DIRECTORS FEB 27 IN BONN. SEPTELS
COVER VAN WELL'S COMMENTS ON NATO POLITICAL DIRECTORS'
MEETING, MBFR, MID EAST AND STATE OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITY. END SUMMARY

1. US/EC DECLARATION. VAN WELL SAID THE PC HAD
REVIEWED ITS POSITION ON THE US/EC DECLARATION IN LIGHT
OF THE SECRETARY'S COMMENTS AT BRUSSELS AND HAD
REACHED AGREEMENT ON A SHORTER, MORE POLITICAL AND LESS
LEGALISTIC TEXT. ON THIS BASIS, VAN WELL WAS
AUTHORIZED TO EXTEND AN INVITATION REQUESTING THAT
HARTMAN AND SONNENFELDT MEET WITH THE 9 POL DIRECTORS
FEB 27 IN BONN; (HE STATED FEB 28 DATE FOR NATO POL
DIRECTORS LUNCHEON HOSTED BY BELGIANS IN BRUSSELS.
VAN WELL SAID ONE PARAGRAPH OF THE EC TEXT REMAINED
OPEN--THE ONE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY. THE
NINE HOPE TO COMPLETE WORK ON THIS PARA DURING THE
FEB 14 QUARTERLY POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE EC
FOREIGN MINISTERS. IF ALL GOES TO PLAN, VAN WELL
HOPES TO PROVIDE THE AMBASSADOR WITH A FINAL EC
PROPOSED TEXT ON FEB 15 OR 16 FOR TRANSMISSION TO
WASHINGTON. VAN WELL SAID HE CONSIDERED THE EMERGING
EC TEXT TO REPRESENT AN IMPROVEMENT ON SEVERAL OF
THE PREVIOUSLY CONTESTED POINTS.

2. EC/JAPAN. REFERRING TO JAN 28 DEMARCHE BY
JAPANESE AMBASS ADOR SONO (REF B), VAN WELL SAID HE
WOULD SHORTLY INFORM THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR OF THE
PC'S REPLY. THE JAPANESE WIL/ BE TOLD THAT THE EC-9
APPRECIATE TOKYO'S DESIRE TO STRENGTHEN AND DEFINE
JAPAN'S RELATIONS WITH THE EC AND THAT THE NINE WILL
NOW ATTEMPT TO DRAW UP A WORKING/DISCUSSION PAPER
BEFORE PURSUING THE EC/JAPAN DIALOGUE. THE EC
WORKING PAPER WOULD SEEK TO IDENTIFY "ELEMENTS OF
SPECIFICITY" PARTICULAR TO THE EC/JAPANESE RELATION-
SHIP. CONCRETE DISCUSSIONS ARE UNLIKELY TO OCCUR
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UNTIL AFTER THE US/EC DECLARATION IS IN SHAPE AND THE
EC/JAPANESE DIALOGUE OVER A BILATERAL DECLARATION IS
LIKELY TO CONSUME SOME TIME. VAN WELL REPEATEDLY
EMPHASIZED THE EC INTENTION, MANIFESTED IN THE EC
IDENTITY PAPER, TO DEFINE EC RELATIONS WITH THE
VARIOUS MAJOR COUNTRIES OR REGIONS OF THE WORLD.
THE NINE WOULD START WITH THE US, THEN MOVE ON TO
JAPAN AND PERHAPS OTHER COUNTRIES; HE NOTED THE
PROSPECTIVE EC/ARAB STATE DIALOGUE IN THIS
CONNECTION. SOME OF THESE DECLARATIONS, SUCH AS
WITH THE US AND JAPAN, WILL INCLUDE COMMON ELEMENTS.
BUT THE EMPHASIS IN EACH EC DECLARATION WOULD BE ON
THE SPECIFIC CHARACTER OF THE EC RELATIONS WITH THE

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PARTICULAR COUNTRY OR REGION INVOLVED.

3. TRILATERAL DECLARATION. WHEN THE AMBASSADOR INQUIRED CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF A TRILATERAL US/EC/JAPAN DECLARATION, VAN WELL AGAIN SPOKE OF DEALING FIRST WITH THE US/EC DECLARATION. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAD NEVER EXCLUDED MOVING SUBSEQUENTLY TOWARD JOINING THOSE COUNTRIES INTERESTED IN A COMMON FRAMEWORK; THE OECD FRAMEWORK HAD ALREADY BEEN MENTIONED IN THIS CONNECTION.

4. EC/CANADA. VAN WELL SAID THE CANADIANS WERE IN TOUCH WITH THE NINE ON THE POSSIBILITY OF AN EC/CANADA DIALOGUE AND PERHAPS DECLARATION. VAN WELL INDICATED
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THAT THE NEXT STEP WAS NOW UP TO OTTAWA ON THIS SCORE.

5. IN CLOSING, VAN WELL MENTIONED THAT HE HAD ALSO RECEIVED AN EXPRESSION OF YUGOSLAV INTEREST IN TALKS

WITH THE EC ON POLITICAL ISSUES--PARTICULARLY THE
MID EAST. UNTIL NOW, EC/YUGOSLAV DISCUSSIONS HAVE
BEEN STRICTLY ON THE ECONOMIC SIDE.
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